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At present, main galleries, adaptable for the use of electric trolleys, are being constructed in the "Cherno More" Black Coal Mine. These electric trolleys will replace horse-drawn carts.

The new main galleries have electric lighting, which promotes increased labor productivity and makes underground work much safer. Electric drilling machines and jackhammers are used by the miners in drilling holes for blasting.

Despite unfavorable local conditions and peculiarities of the coal horizons, coal production in the "Cherno More" Mine is increasing constantly. Machines and spare parts are being shipped constantly to Bulgarian coal mines.

The pick method is still applied widely in all kinds of work, while broad-face work lags. The work now being done on narrow faces, 12 to 15 meters wide, does not give satisfactory results. Experiments carried out in the broad-face method of working have proved that such a work method is possible. The multi-lateral system of drilling in Bulgarian mines is not so applicable because of the peculiarities of the seams.

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